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Collaboration Corvallis Steering Committee Approves Recommended Near-term Strategies

At its August 13, 2012, meeting, the Collaboration Corvallis Steering Committee approved recommending to the City Council and the President of Oregon State University the first set of strategies that respond to the project Scope of Work. These near-term action items, developed by each of the three project workgroups, are intended to help address concerns about traffic, parking, noise, parties, trash, and other livability issues expressed by residents of neighborhoods near the OSU campus. Included are the following.

Production and distribution of an “Off-campus Living Guide” containing essential information on how to be a good neighbor, hold social events responsibly, and successfully navigate rental living.

Changes to the current Corvallis Land Development Code Off-street Parking Standards to increase parking requirements for four- and five-bedroom multifamily units as a means of minimizing proliferation of on-street parking oversaturation.

Increased marketing and educational outreach to all students, faculty, and staff of OSU and Linn-Benton Community College for existing transportation demand management resources, such as the Corvallis Transit System and *Drive Less.Connect* rideshare program. A focus of this strategy will also be emphasizing to students the trade-offs associated with bringing a car to Corvallis. These efforts are intended to reduce commuter traffic and the daily influx of cars parking in neighborhoods near both campuses.

Expansion of service frequency for specific Corvallis Transit System routes that serve the OSU campus and portions of Corvallis with high residency of OSU students, faculty, and staff, with the underlying goal of reducing traffic and parking impacts in neighborhoods near OSU.

Improved schedule and route coordination between the Corvallis Transit System and the OSU Shuttle to facilitate crossover ridership and reduce traffic and parking impacts in neighborhoods near OSU.

Funding to expand a bike-share program currently available to OSU students, faculty, and staff that would increase the existing fleet to 15 bikes. These would be available for rental at discounted rates on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

Pursuing the installation of new wayfinding signage along State Highway 34, prior to the bypass on the east side of the Willamette River, to direct commuters to the on-campus parking areas near Reser Stadium and Gill Coliseum.

“There is still much work to do to fully address the comments we’ve received from OSU’s neighbors, but, collectively, these tools are a purposeful beginning to the outcomes we expect to achieve through the Collaboration Corvallis project”, said Project Manager Eric Adams. “Over the coming months, each of the workgroups will develop long-term strategies to be integrated with this initial set of recommendations. We welcome continued feedback to guide us in those discussions.”

A memorandum describing each of these recommendations in more detail can be accessed through the following link (<http://archive.ci.corvallis.or.us/Browse.aspx?startid=326352>, Steering Committee Meeting Packets\08.13.12 Meeting Packet).

Written comments or requests for information concerning the Collaboration Corvallis project can be submitted at any time by contacting Eric Adams, Project Manager, at pm.corvallis.osu@gmail.com.